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Sir .. Update on Info from "C" & "D" Divisions which is in red text below

Information we have received so far is from "J", "C", "O", "D", "F", "E" Divisions

Included context on H Division efforts with respect to the Marine Border reporting which they have already been providing to partners and NHQ.

Steve

H Division – Marine Security Operations Centre (MSOC) East

- Distributing reporting with respect to Freedom Convoy 2022 Marine/Ports/Waterway Events. It is a collaborative effort between the RCMP, Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada. It is in relation to open source research for indicators of unlawful activity related to the Freedom Convoy 2022 and related events, with a focus on ports/waterways in Atlantic Canada. Scope includes
 - Only those involving direct threats and/or violence to people or property;
 - Significant spikes in negative sentiment;
 - Plans for demonstrations, rallies or other public events specific to the protests;
 - Posts directed against public figures
- These reports are shared amongst and distributed by MSOC East to E Division MSOC, O Division MSOC –GL (Niagara on the Lake) CBSA, DFO, Halifax Regional Police, DND, Transport Canada, Cape Breton Regional Police, other RCMP internal units including FPCO-Border Integrity Contract side in H Division etc

J Division – S/Sgt. Spink on behalf of Supt. Charlene O'Neill

- J Division has put together a Gold, Silver, Bronze command structure to manage the RCMP response to the on-going protest in the Fredericton area and potentially in other parts of the province including POEs and at the international Border between Maine and New Brunswick. Here are the details of our current Federal response:
- Divisional Federal Policing stance
 - For this weekend, J Division Federal Policing has 7 members on Operational readiness and is in a position to deploy additional members if required. There are no patrols and/or operations planned in the next 48 hrs. Federal policing is imbedded in the Divisional Ops Plan. The RCMP (Core Policing) is the Police of Jurisdiction at most POEs and will be responsible to quickly intervene in the case of any POE blockades. In the event of a POE blockade, Federal members will be deployed to support General Duty officers and will assume the role of primary liaison with both CBSA and US partners. In addition, Federal Policing will take over any investigation outside of the Core/Contract policing scope, which may include IRPA, Customs Act Offences, Threat to critical infrastructure/National Security).
 - In the event of a protest/demonstration in the vicinity of the international border between POEs, core policing will also assume the primary response supported by J Div. FSOC Border Integrity.
- Observations or information on planned demonstrations, protests, etc. along the border
 - So far, there is no intelligence corroborating any demonstration/protest at the International Border or at a POE with the exception of on the US side (Houlton, Maine) where there is one individual that contacted US authorities mentioning that he is on his way to the Houlton POE (Woodstock on the Canadian Side) to show his support to the Canadian Freedom Convoy. CIS/DCAS are monitoring social medias and nothing similar was expressed by Canadians to protest at the Woodstock POE. J Div. Federal policing will deploy members jointly with core policing if required.
- Partners collaboration and communications
 - J Div. FSOC Border Integrity is currently coordinating communication and information sharing between RCMP GSB command post, CBSA intelligence and operations and CBP. CBP is updating other US partners as necessary. Communications are maintained twice daily or as required when new intelligence comes in. CBSA operations have been advised to monitor traffic closely all weekend and to report asap if there is indication of a demonstration/protest so the RCMP could redeploy resources accordingly.

C Division – Supt. Isabelle Bois provided

- Divisional Federal Policing stance currently at the border, including existing resources, details on any ongoing or planned ops such as patrols (land and marine and air) or other measures implemented/ those being planned in response to the unfolding events;
 - C Division, as you know, is sending resources to Ottawa and the Border Integrity

program is assisting. However careful selection was made to ensure our operations at Lacolle, Valleyfield, Sherbrooke / Standstead and Beauce are maintained. We have no marine patrol in the winter months but air and land patrol are maintained.

- Any observations or information on planned demonstrations, protests, etc. along the border
 - Through our Intel unit, we are kept informed of a possible protest at the Lacolle POE planned for Feb. 18th and 19th.. Quebec Provincial Police (QPP) is involved as the police of jurisdiction in the area and we will liaise as needed and assist if required. (In the past protest at the POE in Lacolle, a few members for our TAC troop were deployed to protect our installations and an Incident Commander was at the QPP Command post. If this protest takes place, the plan could be similar).
 - Also, through ISSO-ONT, we've been informed of a potential Protest in Cornwall on 12 February 2022. Akwesasne Mohawk Police and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are now on site. Our assistance is not required but we follow closely the information coming in.
- Details on the regional collaboration between domestic and international partners such as CBSA, s.38 [REDACTED] etc. Such details could include the partner , frequency, information sharing , etc. ;
 - Our OIC of IBET Champlain, and Asst. CROPS of Border Integrity are regularly briefed by our Intel unit and our partners such as CBSA, QPP, s.38 [REDACTED] The C Division Intel unit is also constantly gathering information from multiple sources which includes all the American partners mentioned above as well as all police partners in Ontario and Quebec as well as open sources. We receive reports several times a day which allows us to plan and prepare accordingly.

O Division – Insp Kevin McGonigal provided with cc to S/Supt. John Barayni .

- Limited resources exists at the border detachments as assistance has been provided to Ottawa. Current resources are focused on POE in their AOR with direct assistance with command centers in Windsor and Cornwall for real time updates. Other border detachments are communicating with the POE's and partners involved and will respond as required. Due to limited resources patrols between the border points are not possible and at this time.
- Updates from across the division is as follows and has been shared with the DCFP:
 - Windsor/Ambassador Bridge: On February 11th, 2022, the Ontario Superior Court granted an injunction to the City of Windsor giving protestors until 19:00 hrs. to clear the blockade near the Ambassador Bridge. Despite some protestors leaving that evening, many remained and on February 12th, 2022, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and their policing partners, including O Division RCMP specialized units,

attended the area to contain and encourage remaining protestors to depart. Many of the protestors left on their own accord, disassembling their temporary structures, and moving vehicles. Current (11:51 hrs.): Few protestors remain in the area, one vehicle was towed due to mechanical problems, no arrests made, no injuries reported (despite a protestor setting off a smoke bomb). London convoys making their way to Windsor have been reported and police are in contact with the convoy leader(s). Areas that have been vacated are being solidified by cement barriers to ensure protestors don't re-occupy;

- o Sarnia/Bluewater Bridge: Approximately 20 tractors and other vehicles remain on Highway 402 westbound. Traffic at the bridge is normal. However, due to the demonstrations, border wait times have been delayed (3 hours). No delays for US bound traffic;
- o Cornwall/Seaway International Bridge Corporation: Protestors arrived in tractors, large farm equipment, and vehicles (approx. 26 in total) to block the canal bridge. As a result traffic has been reduced to a single lane. Cornwall Police Service is monitoring the area;
- o Sault Ste. Marie: (no change) Protestors plan on blocking Highway 402 (westbound) near the Kerrwood exit starting on February 11th until mandates are lifted;
- o Kingston: (no change) Information suggests that a "slow roll" convoy is being organized on Highway 38 for February 12th, 2022;
- o Niagara Falls/ Peace Bridge: (no change) Information suggests that convoys from Stoney Creek and Niagara-on-the-Lake may demonstrate at the Peace Bridge on February 12th, 2022;
- o Toronto: (no change) Protests are being organized for Queen's Park on February 12th, 2022, with the intent of occupying the space until mandates are lifted;
- o Ottawa/Parliament: Information suggests that a convoy is heading to Ottawa from Niagara. As well, a Freedom Convoy from Fort McMurray is scheduled to arrived on February 15th, 2022.
- o Nipigon River Bridge: (no change) Potential convoys and protests being planned at the Nipigon River Bridge. OPP monitoring;
- o Several communities across Ontario, including: Kawartha Lake, Hanover, Hamilton, Huntsville, Haliburton, Bracebridge, Lindsay, Tillsonburg, and London have local protests planned between February 12th and 13th, 2022.
- o All intelligence for the division has been gathered with real time updates with the command centers where on going protests are present as well as collaboration with all partners including those across the border.

D Division – Supt. Dan Almas provided

- Manitoba has a number of points of entry along its southern border; at this point only the Emmerson Border point is currently blocked. The RCMP Contract Policing has taken the lead regarding the Emmerson blockade.
- D Division Federal IBET has 6 members that were deployed on Thursday February 10, 2022, and have in a discreet capacity been providing 24 hour observation coverage for the rest of

Manitoba's border crossings (apart from Emerson). This coverage includes physical monitoring of activities at border crossings and information sharing with CBSA. The IBET coverage is in place to provide the RCMP contract policing with close to real time situational awareness regarding any potential new blockades.

- Information sharing and/or cooperation with US counterparts on this specific issue has not yet been promoted nor needed at this time.
- The 24 hour IBET coverage is intended to remain in place for the coming days.

F Division – Insp. Farquhar advised

- We currently have 2 planned protests in the Province that will take place today at the ports of entry; Regway and North Portal. We have DCAS monitoring social media to get any updated information.
- I have all 6 members of my Border Integrity Unit working today (3 Regway, 3 North Portal). They are conducting Border Integrity patrols and monitoring the situation. CORE Crops has enacted an Operational Plan in regards to these protests and have sent members to the area to monitor and react as necessary. Several members that have been engaged are part of the "F" Division Tac Troop.
- Sgt. Jeff Clarke, Estevan IBET, has been engaged with his contacts from the US in regards to today's scheduled event. I have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday to speak with the new Regional Security Officer at the US Consulate in Calgary, attending the meeting will be the OIC for USBP responsible for law enforcement connectivity in AB, NWT and SK. Historically we have a monthly meeting with our US partners to discuss trends and issues, however Sgt. Clarke and his members are constantly in communication with our US partners.
- I will forward the information that was identified by our DCAS analyst this morning in a separate email.
 - (Note: Insp. Farquhar subsequently sent me info their DCAS pulled off which I sent to the NHQ JIG)

E Division Posture [subject to change]- Supt Bert Ferreira reported

- E Division Border Integrity:
 - Total complement of fully operational deployable members (59 including 7 R/Csts) out of 87 occupied positions.
 - Land Border Enforcement Teams (including Osoyoos and five R/Cst) – 19 members
 - Shiprider (LMD and Victoria) - 11 members
 - Remaining deployable BI members: MSOC, Cyber, CLEAR, YVR and WJFO [does not include large analytical team or BIOC]

- E Division Federal Policing - On February 10, 2022 was asked to provide 50 Federally funded operational members to be ready to deploy to NCR on a moments notice. The impact on Border Integrity while taking into consideration of the proportionality of operational members vs number of members for each federal business line is 10 members. This far, Border Integrity has identified 4 members. Once we assess the total number of members from the Federal business line, we will re-assess.
- E Division has 256 deployable federal resources.
 - MP 100 people = 39 percent = 19.5 of 50 deployable peoples
 - BI 51 people = 20 percent = 10 of 50 deployable people
 - NS 36 people = 14 percent = 7 of 50 deployable people
 - FI 37 people = 14.5 percent = 7 of 50 deployable people
 - OSG 32 people = 12.5 percent = 6 of 50 deployable people
- In an ideal situation we would have volunteers from each team and spread out the 10 Border Members without impacting our Land Border Posture or Shiprider posture. We are not working in ideal circumstances.
- We will do our best not to disseminate “front line of Border [Land /Shiprider] but we may have little choice depending on how many members volunteer.
- As per the CBSA placemat there’s some protests at the PAC Highway but at moment not having an impact on cross border traffic.
- s.38 [REDACTED] has asked for a POC here in LMD which will likely be DEOC as they are the divisional nerve centre for all things “crisis”. Regardless, it can be reported we are in daily contact with s.38 [REDACTED] just due to our close working relationship / proximity and technology sharing.
- If E Division Federal Policing is required to send members for more that one week – (meaning rotating 50 members week over week) – we will have to put all else on hold, other than the most critical of tasks/operational files.

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